

73841(14)) is amended by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) The employee was so employed for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days before January 1, 2006, by the Department of Energy or a Department of Energy contractor or subcontractor at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in California.”.

(b) REAPPLICATION.—A claim that an individual qualifies, by reason of section 3621(14)(D) of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (as added by subsection (a) of this Act), for compensation or benefits under such Act shall be considered for compensation or benefits notwithstanding any denial of any other claim for compensation with respect to such individual.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

The hearing will provide general oversight on current regulatory and programmatic activities at the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Commerce Committee has general oversight jurisdiction over the entire Department and specific authority over the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, Federal Maritime Administration, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, amongst other entities within the Department.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to hold a hearing during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building.

At this hearing, the committee will explore the effects science parks can have on innovation and competitiveness including encouraging partnerships with academia, and spurring regional economic development. The committee also will examine public policy involvement in science park development.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC
WORKS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday,

October 18, 2007 at 10:30 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing entitled, “Lead and Children’s Health.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Finance be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 215 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in order to conduct a hearing entitled “Growing Trade, Growing Vigilance: Import Health and Safety Today and Tomorrow.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 3 p.m. in order to consider the nomination of the Honorable Ellen C. Williams to be Governor, U.S. Postal Service.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet in order to continue the hearing on the nomination of Michael B. Mukasey to be Attorney General of the United States, on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 10 a.m. in the Hart Senate Office Building Room 216.

Witness list:

Panel I: The Honorable Charles E. Schumer, United States Senator [D-NY]. The Honorable Joseph Lieberman, United States Senator [ID-CT].

Panel II: Michael B. Mukasey to be Attorney General of the United States.

Panel III: Dick Thornburgh, Of Counsel, K&LGates, Washington, DC. Chuck Canterbury, National President, Fraternal Order of Police, Washington, DC. Rear Admiral John D. Hutson, JAGC, USN (Ret.), President and Dean, Franklin Pierce Law Center, Concord, NH. Dawn Johnsen, Professor, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, IN. Theodore M. Shaw, Director-Counsel and President, NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc., New York, NY. Mary Jo White, Partner, Debevoise & Plimpton LLP New York, NY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on October 18, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT, THE FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs’ Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at 10 a.m. in order to conduct a hearing entitled, “The Perils of Politics in Government: A Review of the Scope and Enforcement of the Hatch Act.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that David Heckman and Kassie Hobbs of my staff be granted floor privileges for the duration of today’s session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE
AND JUSTICE, AND SCIENCE,
AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

On Tuesday, October 16, 2007, the Senate passed H.R. 3093, as amended, as follows:

H.R. 3093

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 3093) entitled “An Act making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes, namely:

TITLE I

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION
OPERATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

For necessary expenses for international trade activities of the Department of Commerce provided for by law, and for engaging in trade promotional activities abroad, including expenses of grants and cooperative agreements for the purpose of promoting exports of United States firms, without regard to 44 U.S.C. 3702 and 3703; full medical coverage for dependent members of immediate families of employees stationed overseas and employees temporarily posted overseas; travel and transportation of employees of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service between two points abroad, without regard to 49 U.S.C. 40118; employment of Americans and aliens by contract for services; rental of space abroad for periods not exceeding 10 years, and expenses of alteration, repair, or improvement; purchase or construction of temporary demountable exhibition structures for use abroad; payment of tort claims, in the manner authorized in the first paragraph of 28 U.S.C. 2672 when such claims arise in foreign countries; not to exceed \$327,000 for official representation expenses abroad; purchase of passenger motor vehicles for